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August 2009 Crop Production

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The August 1, 2009, Mississippi **Soybean** production is forecast at 89.0 million bushels, up 13 percent from the previous year and, if realized, the most produced since 1982. Yield per acre is forecast at a record high 41 bushels, up 1 bushel from last year. **Corn** for grain production, at 105 million bushels, is the second highest production on record and is up 7 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre is forecast at 135 bushels. Although this is down 5 bushels from last year, it is still the third highest on record. **Cotton** production is

forecast at 485,000 bales, down 29 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre is forecast at 875 pounds, down 36 pounds from last year. Production of **Rice** is forecast at 17.0 million hundredweight, up 8 percent from 2008. The yield per acre is forecast at 7,100 pounds, up 250 pounds from last year. Mississippi's 2009 rice yield and production are forecast the second and third highest on record, respectively. **Peanut** production is forecast at 66.5 million pounds, down 19 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 3,500 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds from 2008.

Crop Acreage, Yield and Production, Mississippi and United States, 2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,960	2,170	40.0	41.0	78,400	88,970
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	360.0	266.0	911	875	683.0	485.0
All Rice ²	cwt	229	239	6,850	7,100	15,687	16,969
Corn, Grain	bu	700	780	140.0	135.0	98,000	105,300
Hay, All	ton	720	820	2.70	2.80	1,944	2,296
Peanuts	lbs	21.0	19.0	3,900	3,500	81,900	66,500
United States							
Soybeans	bu	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	2,959,174	3,199,172
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	7,568.7	7,765.2	813	816	12,815.3	13,207.0
All Rice ²	cwt	2,976	3,000	6,846	7,039	203,733	211,181
Corn, Grain	bu	78,640	80,007	153.9	159.5	12,101,238	12,760,986
Hay, All	ton	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.01	76,052	78,955
Peanuts	lbs	1,507.0	1,068.0	3,416	3,301	5,147,900	3,525,800

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. 480-lb. net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds per acre.

**Mississippi Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Districts,
2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (lbs)		Production in 480 Net Weight Bales	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Upper Delta	125,100	89,100	1,037	927	270,200	172,000
Lower Delta	118,000	89,300	872	876	214,300	163,000
Other Districts	116,900	87,600	815	822	198,500	150,000
State	360,000	266,000	911	875	683,000	485,000

**Mississippi Soybeans: Area Harvested, Yield and Production by Districts,
2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (bu)		Production (bu)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Upper Delta	657,200	725,000	41.4	43.9	27,194,400	31,800,000
N. Central	186,100	190,000	36.5	37.4	6,795,900	7,100,000
Northeast	147,300	160,000	34.1	35.6	5,028,800	5,700,000
Lower Delta	721,600	805,000	41.5	41.7	29,914,500	33,600,000
Other Districts	247,800	290,000	38.2	37.1	9,466,400	10,770,000
State	1,960,000	2,170,000	40.0	41.0	78,400,000	88,970,000

**Milk Cows and Production: by Selected States and United States,
April-June, 2008-2009**

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Production ²		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	12.0	11.0	51	45	-11.8
Arkansas	15.5	13.0	54	44	-18.5
Florida	120.0	117.0	556	576	3.6
Georgia	77.0	77.0	364	377	3.6
Louisiana	26.0	23.0	90	77	-14.4
Mississippi	21.0	18.5	80	70	-12.5
Missouri	111.0	110.0	435	421	-3.2
Tennessee	59.0	56.0	255	246	-3.5
Texas	413.0	429.0	2,173	2,299	5.8
United States	9,315	9,262	48,774	48,826	0.1

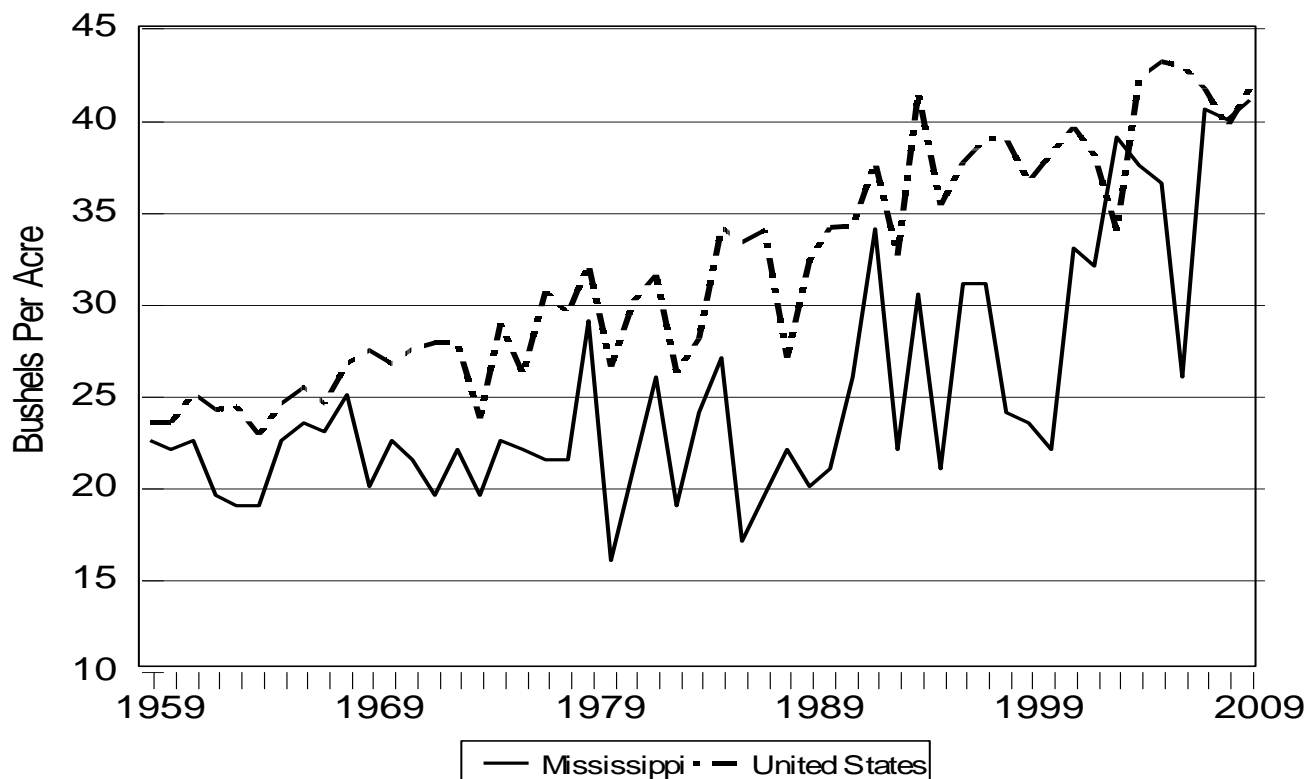
¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Soybeans for Beans: Area Harvested, Yield and Production by State
and United States, 2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009**

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Alabama	350	440	35.0	32.0	12,250	14,080
Arkansas	3,250	3,350	38.0	38.0	123,500	127,300
Georgia	415	480	30.0	32.0	12,450	15,360
Illinois	9,100	9,050	47.0	44.0	427,700	398,200
Kentucky	1,380	1,430	34.0	40.0	46,920	57,200
Louisiana	950	1,000	33.0	35.0	31,350	35,000
Mississippi	1,960	2,170	40.0	41.0	78,400	88,970
Missouri	5,030	5,350	38.0	40.0	191,140	214,000
North Carolina	1,670	1,760	33.0	32.0	55,110	56,320
Ohio	4,480	4,580	36.0	47.0	161,280	215,260
Oklahoma	360	330	25.0	25.0	9,000	8,250
South Carolina	530	590	32.0	27.0	16,960	15,930
Tennessee	1,460	1,560	34.0	40.0	49,640	62,400
Texas	205	210	24.0	25.0	4,920	5,250
Virginia	570	590	32.0	32.0	18,240	18,880
United States	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	2,959,174	3,199,172

Soybean Yield: Mississippi and United States, 1959-2009



United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, June 2008-2009

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price ¹		Ending Inventory	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	1,263	1,117	1.25	1.12	122	171
Fillets	4,761	3,621	3.08	3.22	334	493
Other	704	783	1.80	1.68	104	100
Total Fresh	8,077	6,950	2.52	2.47	560	764
Frozen						
Whole Fish	908	763	2.15	2.19	1,380	436
Fillets	8,607	8,188	2.92	2.91	7,822	7,349
Other	3,961	3,116	1.54	1.60	2,616	1,992
Total Frozen	13,476	12,067	2.46	2.53	11,818	9,777
Total Fresh & Frozen	21,553	19,017	2.48	2.51	12,378	10,541

¹ Gross value f.o.b. plant.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Received by Producers by Major Processors, 2008-2009

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2008	2009
	2008	2009	2008	2009		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	45,992	36,406	45,992	36,406	0.658	0.810
February	47,634	37,702	93,626	74,108	0.688	0.770
March	47,908	44,912	141,534	119,020	0.743	0.773
April	45,018	40,768	186,552	159,788	0.757	0.763
May	44,326	39,925	230,878	199,713	0.776	0.762
June	43,265	39,191	274,143	238,904	0.794	0.763
July	42,583		316,726		0.818	
August	40,985		357,711		0.827	
September	39,057		396,768		0.827	
October	43,344		440,112		0.825	
November	36,869		476,981		0.823	
December	32,616		509,597		0.821	

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, July 1, 2008-2009

Region	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	13,550	11,414	84	5,488	4,702	86
East North Central	12,842	12,477	97	6,716	6,984	104
West North Central	28,014	29,030	104	8,874	7,377	83
South Atlantic	240,356	231,930	96	2,972	3,884	131
South Central	335,958	322,163	96	4,412	3,833	87
West	24,988	24,322	97	4,993	5,573	112
United States	655,708	631,336	96	33,455	32,353	97

June Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	9,314	9,192	29	29	146	143
Arkansas	13,565	12,176	82	77	178	161
Florida	10,232	9,362	214	202	7	5
Georgia	18,402	17,423	192	193	175	162
Mississippi	6,348	6,186	36	35	89	90
North Carolina	12,425	12,609	114	135	133	128
South Carolina	4,583	4,422	72	68	22	22
Virginia	3,100	2,997	30	27	32	32
United States	338,664	333,197	6,262	6,285	1,104	1,058

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations; data included in US totals.

June Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	During June			January-June		
	2008	2009	2009/2008	2008	2009	2009/2008
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	116,961	108,987	93	704,681	645,607	92
Arkansas	98,033	87,081	89	601,927	525,812	87
Florida	4,832	3,646	75	29,831	21,689	73
Georgia	122,474	114,913	94	743,004	693,454	93
Mississippi	69,187	68,279	99	415,335	392,787	95
North Carolina	69,216	66,179	96	424,934	406,671	96
South Carolina	19,739	19,988	101	117,916	118,782	101
Virginia	22,753	22,934	101	135,546	131,759	97
United States	805,793	770,970	96	4,870,861	4,575,965	94

Mississippi Livestock County Estimates, 2008-2009

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009
Number						
Coahoma		1,000				
Tallahatchie	5,200	6,000	4,000			
Other Counties	2,800	2,000	1,500			
District 10	8,000	9,000	5,500	*	*	
Benton	7,000	7,000	3,500			
Calhoun	11,000		7,500			
Desoto	10,000		5,000	4,500		
Grenada	10,000		5,500			
Lafayette	7,000		4,500			
Marshall	20,000	20,000	11,000	11,000		
Panola	17,500	18,500	9,000	10,000		
Tate	23,500		9,500			
Yalobusha	7,000	7,500	4,500	4,500		
Other Counties		62,000		29,000	1,300	1,200
District 20	113,000	115,000	60,000	59,000	1,300	1,200
Alcorn	7,500	8,000	5,000	5,000		
Itawamba	5,500	6,000	4,000	3,500		
Lee	13,500	13,500	8,500	8,500		
Pontotoc	13,000		6,500			
Prentiss	6,500		4,000			
Tippah	10,000		6,000	6,000		
Tishomingo	3,000	3,500	2,000	2,000		
Union	10,000		6,500			
Other Counties		40,000		17,000		800
District 30	69,000	71,000	42,500	42,000	*	800
Sunflower	1,000					
Yazoo	10,500	10,400	7,000			
Other Counties	1,500	2,600	1,500			
District 40	13,000	13,000	8,500	*	*	
Attala	10,000	10,000	5,500			
Carroll	16,500		10,000			
Choctaw	4,000	4,500	2,500			
Holmes	8,000	8,500	4,500	4,500		
Leake	20,500	21,000	11,000	13,000		
Madison	16,500		9,500			
Montgomery	8,000		5,000			
Rankin	18,500		11,000			
Scott	22,000		13,000			
Webster	5,000	5,000	3,000	3,000		
Other Counties		81,000		53,500	1,500	1,300
District 50	129,000	130,000	75,000	74,000	1,500	1,300
Chickasaw	39,000		19,000			
Clay	20,500	22,000	7,000			
Kemper	11,000		7,000			
Lowndes	9,500	9,500	5,500	5,000		
Monroe	17,000	18,000	8,000			
Neshoba	17,000	17,500	8,500	8,500		
Noxubee	17,000	18,000	7,500	7,500	800	600
Oktibbeha	13,500	15,000	6,500	6,500		
Winston	10,500	10,000	6,000	6,000		
Other Counties		50,000		44,500	1,200	900
District 60	155,000	160,000	75,000	78,000	2,000	1,500

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Mississippi Livestock County Estimates, 2008-2009—Cont.

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009	2008 ¹	2009
	Number					
Adams	4,000	4,000	2,500	2,500		
Amite	13,500		8,000		1,300	1,100
Claiborne	9,000	9,000	5,000	5,000		
Copiah	12,500	12,000	8,500			
Franklin	4,500	5,000	2,500	2,500		
Hinds	29,000	27,000	13,000	12,500		1,600
Jefferson	8,500		5,500			
Lincoln	21,000	22,500	7,500	7,000		1,350
Warren	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000		
Wilkinson	8,000	8,500	6,000	6,000		
Other Counties		22,000		18,500	3,300	150
District 70	113,000	113,000	60,500	56,000	4,600	4,200
Covington	36,500	37,000	9,500	9,500		
Jefferson Davis	10,000		6,000			
Lamar	13,000	14,000	5,000	5,000		
Lawrence	11,500	12,000	7,500	7,500		
Marion	18,000	19,000	7,500	7,500	2,700	2,600
Pike	20,500	21,500	8,500	7,000	2,100	2,000
Simpson	21,500		11,500			
Smith	19,000		12,500			
Walthall	27,000	26,000	12,000	11,500	3,300	2,900
Other Counties		52,500		30,000	500	500
District 80	177,000	182,000	80,000	78,000	8,600	8,000
Clarke	6,000		4,000	4,000		
Forrest	5,000	5,500	3,000	3,000		
George	13,000	13,000	7,500	7,500		
Greene	8,000		4,500			
Hancock	7,000	7,000	4,500			
Harrison	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000		
Jackson	8,500		4,500	4,500		
Jasper	12,000		6,500	6,500		
Jones	23,000	24,500	11,500	11,000		550
Lauderdale	4,500	4,500	3,000	3,000		
Newton	18,000		10,000			950
Pearl River	26,000	25,500	14,000	13,500		
Perry	6,000	6,500	4,000	4,000		
Stone	9,500	9,500	5,000	5,000		
Wayne	12,500		8,000			
Other Counties		67,000		22,500	2,100	500
District 90	163,000	167,000	92,000	91,000	2,100	2,000
Other Districts				13,000	900	
State Total	940,000	960,000	499,000	491,000	21,000	19,000

* Included in Other Districts.

¹ Revised.

Mississippi Top Ten Cattle Producing Counties, January 1, 2009

County	All Cattle and Calves	County	All Cattle and Calves
	Number		Number
Covington	37,000	Lincoln	22,500
Hinds	27,000	Clay	22,000
Walthall	26,000	Pike	21,500
Pearl River	25,500	Leake	21,000
Jones	24,500	Marshall	20,000

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, July 2009 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	July 2008 Entire Month		June 2009 Entire Month		July 2009 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	5.25	---	4.03	---	3.33
Cotton, Upland	lb	.660	.662	.458	.464	.458 ¹	.458 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	9.06	---	6.30	---	5.57
Soybeans	bu	10.80	13.30	10.30	11.40	10.00	10.30
Winter Wheat	bu	---	7.10	---	5.42	---	4.78
Rice, All	cwt	---	16.80	---	14.70	---	14.10
All Milk	cwt	---	19.30	---	11.30	---	11.30
Fluid	cwt	---	19.30	---	11.30	---	11.30
Manufacturing	cwt	---	18.20	---	10.70	---	10.70
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	95.00	---	80.40	---	81.40
Cows	cwt	---	56.50	---	45.70	---	48.30
Calves	cwt	---	114.00	---	110.00	---	109.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	99.60	---	85.00	---	85.70
All Hogs	cwt	---	54.30	---	43.30	---	43.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	55.90	---	43.80	---	44.20
Sows	cwt	---	20.20	---	32.80	---	28.20
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.500	---	.510	---	.490
Market Eggs	doz	.690 ²	.677 ²	.370 ²	386 ²	.510	.519

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month.